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SUBJECT: EMBASSY PROTESTS ARREST OF FAYN AND BEGUN

REF: (A) MOSCOW 2763; (B) STATE 44704, (C) MOSCOW 2771

1. IN ABSENCE OF KOMPLEKTOV AND FEDOSEYEV, POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON MFA U.S. DIVISION BILATERALS COUNSELOR CHETVERIKOV MARCH 1 AND DELIVERED PROTEST NOTE ALONG LINES OF REF B. POL COUNSELOR ADDED ORALLY THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN OUR MEMORY WHEN SOVIET CITIZENS WERE DETAINED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER EMBASSY IN COMPANY OF EMBASSY OFFICER. THE INCIDENT WAS, THEREFORE, PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE COMING AT THIS TIME.

2. CHETVERIKOV PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE AND REPLY, ADDING THAT HE HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF INCIDENT. NOTING EMBASSY HAD ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS CALLED INTO QUESTION BEHAVIOR OF MILITIAMEN AT EMBASSY GATES, HE ASSERTED THAT THEY HAD NO OTHER DUTY THAN TO PROTECT THE EMBASSY. SOMETIMES THEY MIGHT STOP PEOPLE SEEKING TO ENTER THE EMBASSY IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THEIR INTENTIONS, BUT THIS WAS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR EMBASSY PERSONNEL. IN THIS CONNECTION HE NOTED UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT THE OTHER
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DAY AN ARMED PERSON HAD ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE PREMISES OF ANOTHER WESTERN EMBASSY. THIS WAS PROOF OF NECESSITY FOR MILITIA GUARDS. HE ALSO STATED THAT ON MANY PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHEN SOVIET AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATED EMBASSY COMPLAINTS ABOUT MILITIA GUARDS' BEHAVIOR, THEY FOUND THE VERSION PRESENTED BY THEM EMBASSY TO BE INCOMPLETE AND INCORRECT. CHETVERIKOV

ALSO SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT REFERENCE IN OUR PROTEST
NOTE TO FINAL ACT OF CSCE. HE WOULD RESERVE THE SOVIET
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